

VETAC

Virginia Educational Technology Advisory Committee

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**Advanced Technology Center
FORUM
1800 College Crescent
Virginia Beach, VA 23453**

May 4, 2004

Attendance:

Harley Miles, Chairman, Virginia Society for Technology in Education
L.B. Berg, State Council of Higher Education in Virginia
Susan Butler, Virginia Council of Teachers of Mathematics
Kathy Camper, Virginia Congress of Parents and Teachers
Jim Carroll, Leadership - Medium School Division
Susan Clair, Department of Correctional Education
Larry Crum, Business and Industry Representative
Bill Flaherty, Virginia Association of School Business Officials
Phyllis Geron, Virginia Electronic Student Information Systems
Sharon Hurwitz, Virginia Association of Teachers of English
Jane James, Virginia Educational Media Association
Nolan Kilgore, Regional Study Group VII Representative
John Littlefield, Regional Study Group II Representative
Dave Mirra, Regional Study Group III Representative
Bob Mullen, Leadership - Large School Division
Robert Richardson, accompanied L.B. Berg
Zahrl Schoeny, Virginia Association of Colleges of Teacher Education
Thelma Smith, Virginia Association of Elementary School Principals
Marilyn Walls, Regional Study Group I Representative
Sherry Ward, Virginia Council for Private Education

Department of Education Personnel:

Gloria Barber, Director of Office of Educational Technology
Flora Cosby, Office of Educational Technology
Linda Holt, Office of Educational Technology
Julie Mersiowsky, Office of Educational Technology
Lan Neugent, Assistant Superintendent for Technology
Joyce Faye White, Office of Educational Technology

Opening - Harley Miles thanked Fraser for chairing the meeting in February.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were accepted as presented through email.

Election of Officers

Jane James thanked her Nominating Committee and presented the Report of the Committee of officers for 2004-2005:

Chair – Dr. Jim Carroll
Vice-Chair – John Littlefield
Secretary – Sherry Ward

Jane asked that the group accept the report of officers. They were accepted by VETAC.

Nominations were taken from the floor for two new members-at-large for the Executive Board. The two members-at-large coming off the committee are Jim Carroll and Bob Mullen. The two new members-at-large elected are Zahrl Schoeny and Bill Flaherty, and they will serve until spring, 2006.

Marilyn Walls and Dave Mirra are the members-at-large who serve until spring, 2005.

Annual Report to the Superintendent of Instruction

Harley Miles explained how and why the report is given to the superintendent. With Marilyn Walls' help, Harley highlighted major topics of the year and asked if there were other topics that should be added. There were no additional items from the group, so Harley will finalize the report and submit it to the Superintendent.

Technology Standards for Administrators

Zahrl Schoeny reported the need to separating administrator standards from instructional standards because the role of the administrator is much different from that of an instructor. The committee felt that we should use the NETS standards as our basis for development, and we should take a state-approach rather than a division-approach. Our next steps in VETAC include developing a document based on the NETS-A standards that will supplement the TSIP standards; select a group that will develop the first full draft; and then get feedback from ABTEL regarding the steps to take for revision and possible timeline to taking action.

The list of suggested standards will be sent out to the VETAC membership with the May minutes with a request for comments and suggestions. The committee will consider all feedback and will give a full report in October. After the October meeting, Lan will work with Toni Cleveland plan presenting the list to ABTEL.

Zahrl suggests a parallel process where the TSIPs would be reviewed and turned over to a state-approach.

Legislation

Lan discussed the bonds in the legislative package, which are assured once the budget is passed. Standards of Quality include the support for IT staff and Instructional Support Specialist, which are still there so far. But there is still discussion about eliminating one or both of these positions. If the budget passes, it will go into effect on July 1st of this year.

SETA – State Educational Technology Association

Lan is a member and they tackle some significant issues each year. They also develop resources to help states to tackle these issues.

VaEIMS (Virginia Educational Information Management System)

Lan reported on the new tool for educators that will enable us to assemble, analyze, and report student data for use in local, division, and statewide decision making and policy definition. This tool will help standardize all the data that is collected and distributed throughout the state. It will be a web-based tool based on individual identifiers for students.

Harley presented a Resolution of Appreciation to Bob Mullen.

10:30 a.m. – Noon Tour Advanced Technology Center

Noon – 12:30 p.m. Lunch and Travel

12:45 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Tour Landstown High School

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